

Gustave Whitehead Witness List 1899-1910

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Witness	Date of Event	Powered Flight	Flight	After Flight	Location	Affidavit	Statement	Statement/Affidavit/Intervie
2	Davarich, Mary	1899	Y-PF	Y		PA	N	Y	1964
3	Lazay, Louis	1900	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936
4	Lanye, Frank	1901	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield Beach		Y	1964
5	Schweikert, Thomas	1901	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936
6	Conner, Clifford	1903	Y-PF	Y		?	Y		1987
7	Havery, John	1905	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport		Y	1948
8	Bradt Muller, Edward	1907	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield	Y		1964
9	Davarich, Louis	1899 (Apr., May), 1902	Y-PF	Y		PA, CT	Y	Y	1934, 1937
10	Pruckner, Anton	1900, 1901, & later	Y-PF	Y		Lordship, Bpt - Seaside Park	Y	Y	1934, 1963, 1964, 1966
11	Fekete, John	1901 or 1902, May or June	Y-PF	Y		Sports Hill, Easton		Y	1936 [Crane], 1948
12	Howell, Richard	1901, Aug. 14	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield		Y	1901
13	Harworth, Junius	1901, July, Aug.	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport, Lordship	Y	Y	1934, 1934-1962
14	Lesko, John S.	1901, Sept., 1902, Aug.	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport, Fairfield	Y Y		1934, 1936
15	Werer, Michael	1901, Sept., Oct.	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)	Y		1934
16	Ciglar, John	1901-1902	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936
17	Gluck, Alexander	1901-1902	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1934, 1936 [Crane]
18	Savage, Mary	1901-1902	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport		Y	1930's, 1964
19	Peschel, Gustave	1901-1902?	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1987
20	Koteles, Elizabeth	1901-1903	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield	Y	Y	1964, 1974
21	Cole, Oliver	1902-1904	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1966
22	Kopacsi, Mari	1905-1908	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport - Villa Park, State St.		Y	1936 [Crane]
23	Szur, Frederick	1905-1908	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport - Villa Park, State St.		Y	1936 [Crane]
24	Verzaro, James Jr.	1907-1910	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Orr's Castle)	Y		1964
25	Beach, Stanley Yale	1908+	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y - notes on	1934
26	Crittendon, Clarence	1908-1911	Y-PF	Y		Bpt. - Seaside Park	Y		1964
27	McColl, John H	undated	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport		Y	1948
28	Steeves, Cecil A.	undated	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936, 1963, 1964
29	Brown, John	1899				PA	Y		1935
30	Burns, William	1899				PA			1935
31	Devine, Marty	1899			Y	PA	Y		1936
32	Johns, John A.	1899		Before fl.		PA	?	?	1935
33	Ritchey, Charles	1900			Y	Pittsburgh, PA	Y		1936
34	Wittmann, Charles	1908		N		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)	Y		1964
35	Walsh, Wilfred	1911		N	N	Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1966
36	Roberts, Carl	1949		N	N	N/A		Y	1988
37	Galomboshe, Charles	1899, 1900-1901+				PA; Bridgeport		SR notes, bk	1934
38	Brennan, Frank	1900-1901		N	N	Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1969
39	Dickie, James	1901, Aug. 14		Denies		Bridgeport, Fairfield	Y	Y - notes on	1937, 1963
40	Ratzenberger, Joe	1901, Summer		Y	Y	Bridgeport	Y	Y	1936
41	Youhouse, Joseph	1901-1903		Y		Bridgeport		Y	1963
42	Lengen, Stephen	1901-1905, 1922+ estimated		N	N			article	1977
43	London, William	1902, Jan.			Y	Lordship		Y	1948
44	Dorman, Harold	1905-1910		N		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1970
45	Thomson, James	1906+				Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)	Y		1964
46	Suely, Fred	1906+ ?		Likely		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)			
47	Pirazolli, Louis	1907+		N	N	Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1964
48	Vecsey, Joseph	1910-1912		Y		Fairfield (Orr's Castle)	Y		1964
49	Keefe, Raymond J	undated			Y	Fairfield	Y		1964

Locations of Documents

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1960's-1980's - O'Dwyer interview

1930's - 1940's (Randolph, Crane, Ghormley)

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	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Location of Documentation	Details	Age	Vocation	Distance	Elevation
2	CT	saw and participated in short flight in Pittsburgh	adult	homemaker		low
3	TX	old circus grounds	teen	Toolmaker	180 ft	30-40 ft.
4	CT	saw multiple plane flights at Fairfield Beach in 1901	adult	Navy veteran	1/4 mile	
5	TX	Cherry Street flight	adult	Silk weaver	300 ft	15 ft
6	CT	saw triplane powered flight with his class	youth	Retired		
7	TX	old circus grounds	youth	Machinist	200 ft	10 ft
8	CT	biplane flight successful, up and down the street	youth	Painter	200 ft	10 ft
9	CT, TX, Media Interviews	multiple flights - Pittsburgh; street flights	adult	Engineer	1/2 mile	20-25 ft.
10	CT, TX, Media Interviews, Letters	multiple flights over Long Island Sound; also flew plane	adult	Mechanic	1/2 mile	50 ft
11	TX	present for flight at Sports Hill on a farm, other witnesses present	adult	Machinist	200 ft	30 ft.
12	Media Article, LOC archives	editor/publisher, wrote article about eyewitness to sustained first powered flight	adult	Publisher, Editor	1/2 mile	40-50 ft.
13	CT, TX, Media Interviews, Letters	multiple flights	teen	Engineer	1.5 miles	200 ft.
14	TX	Fairfield Ave., Bpt; Gypsy Springs; horse & wagon pulled plane	youth	Undertaker	50 - 80 ft	4 ft.
15	TX	nr. Mountain Grove Cemetery, Tunxis Hill Road	adult	Machinist	400 ft.	6 ft.
16	TX	unmanned plane flew, crashed, burst into flames	youth	Clerk	30 ft.	12 ft.
17	TX	Cherry Street flight longest. Saw airplane flights in 1901 and 1902.	youth	Clerk	60 ft.	15-20 ft.
18	CT	flew from Pine Street to harbor, over neighborhood	adult	homemaker	1/2 mile	
19	CT	saw powered flt test experiments, helped carry plane up hill	teen	Mechanic		?
20	CT [taped interviews, transcripts)	witnessed flight at Tunxis Hill	adult	Grocery Store Ownr	up to 250 ft.	5-6 ft
21	CT	saw biplane fly 10' elevation Orr's Castle, then crash into bits	youth	Electrical contractor		10 ft
22		multiple flights	adult			
23		multiple flights	adult	Toolmaker		
24	CT	near Orr's Castle, Tunxis Hill; lived near GW; knew Davarich also, who told of 2 flts	teen		short hops	3-4 ft
25	TX	told SR that GW worked for him as mechanic, SYB was the inventor	adult	Sci Am Aviation Editr		
26	CT	flew over water, circled, returned and landed at Seaside Park	adult	Carpenter	100-200 ft	low
27	TX	saw plane in air, old circus grounds	teen	VP 1st Nat. Bank		
28	CT, TX	tethered to pole flights; Gilman estate flight to circus lots	teen		1,000 ft	3-5 ft.
29	TX					
30	TX	his father a fireman in Pittsburgh, told him of GW aeroplane				
31	TX	present after crashed into bldg				
32	TX	saw GW aeroplane "heated for flight"				
33	TX	saw tethered plane with engine running; heard of flight / crash				20 ft.
34	CT	worked with GW for one week, bought and sold working GW engines	adult	airplane manufact.	N/A	
35	CT	worked for GW in 1911 briefly, heard talk early flight SYB, GW, heli.	adult		N/A	N/A
36	CT	worked with Junius Harworth, talked about GW	adult	Engineer ?	N/A	N/A
37	TX, SR books	heard of Pittsburgh flt when in Pittsburgh; helped GW 1899 PA, Bpt. 1900+ struck bridge	adult	Machinist		
38	CT	knew GW, engines wk'd, blt engines with GW, knew Howell - descr'd	adult	Draftsman	N/A	
39	TX, CT	worked w/ GW, "investor", denied flts., angry with GW over \$	adult	Gravel Contractor	denies	denies
40	TX	Pine and Cherry Streets, traveled to Bostwick Ave.; Black Rock flt.	teen	Police Officer	1-2 blks.	12 ft.
41	CT	"saw several plane trials", photos of poss. GW planes sent to dump	youth			
42	CT	saw fabric sewn -child; visited as adult, GW told why quit	youth, adult	Mobil Sales	N/A	
43		saw plane after flight (crashed); heard about flight from others	adult	Town Selectman		
44	CT	Family caretakers Mtn. Grove Cemetery, took pics of biplane w/ Brownie camera, helic.	youth	Cemetery Superint.	a few feet	low
45	CT	knew GW, didn't see flights	teen			
46	CT	next door neighbor, worked w/ GW, photo'd inside plane 1908?	adult			
47	CT	testimonial sent by Beaudoin relative				
48	CT	monoplane, pedaling down the hill to get start - plane or glider	youth		150 ft	5-10 ft
49	CT	found plane in Mt. Grove Cemetery	youth	GE plant supervisor		

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